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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION of: BELT ET  
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Application No.: 10/036,495

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Examiner: Wilson, Donald R.

Title: PROCESS FOR THE HYDROGENATION OF A POLYMER COMPOSED OF DIENE  
MONOMER UNITS AND A NITRILE GROUP-CONTAINING MONOMER

March 24, 2004

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312**

**Mail Stop Issue Fee**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please consider the following amendment and remarks regarding the above-identified allowed application. It is respectfully submitted that the following amendment does not present any new issues of enablement or allowability, and as such should be entered in its entirety. There are no amendments to the claims.